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THE CHRISTMAS SOFA.

A [illegible] TALE FOR THE GIRLS AND BOYS.

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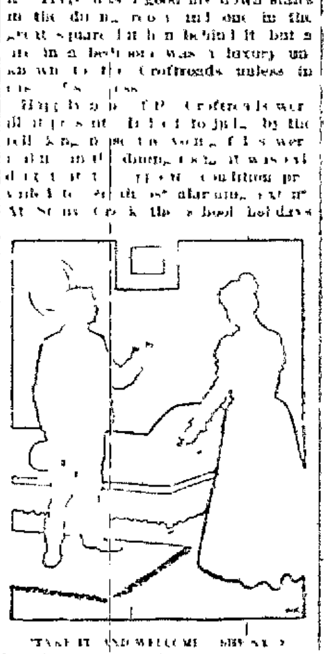
Marion's fingers were blue with cold when she had finished making the beds. Uncle James' house was an old fashioned country dwelling without anything of the nature of a heater in it. There was a good fire down stairs in the dining room and one in the great square hall behind it, but a fire in a bedroom was a luxury unknown to the Croftroads unless in case of sickness.

Happily [illegible] At Stony Creek the school holidays



"TAKE IT AND WELCOME," SHE SAID.

lasted from the week before Christmas to New Year's, and the young Croftroads were therefore enjoying their midwinter vacation.

"Jack and Jim, behave yourselves!" called their mother from the kitchen. "And you, Jo, quit making such a noise! And you, Cathie and Matilda, get to your knitting!"

There was a sharp note in Mrs. Croftroad's tones, but on the whole her scolding was not very severe; still to Marion's ears, unaccustomed to harsh words and equally a stranger to the noisy, rough ways of her cousins, the scene down stairs in the "living room" of the house was anything but pleasant.

"No, I won't go down stairs," thought Marion as the vociferous shouts broke out afresh. "They would only tease me."

The thought of Christmas coming tomorrow did not make Marion happy. Last Christmas she had had her own sweet mother. What a change this from the happy, peaceful home life with mamma! The sudden death of her mother in the spring had left her an orphan with no means for her support.

"What shall be done with Marion?" was the question that the relatives had discussed all summer. Aunt Patience did not want the little girl at first. "As if I hadn't enough of my own," she said in her rather aggressive way. "If she was big and strong, I wouldn't care so much, for then she could help with the hard work and earn her board and clothes, but she's such a spindling, delicate little thing, and all spoiled with petting."

Although Marion was little, she was past 11, and she realized with many a keen pang of grief and humiliation what it was to be unloved and poor and homeless when it was finally decided that she must either be sent to an orphan asylum or go to Uncle James' in the country. Aunt Patience yielded. "Oh, well," she said, "I guess one more in the family won't matter much."

Early in the autumn Marion had been very ill with fever. One of the results of this illness was a peculiar tendency to fall asleep at odd hours of the day. The doctor said that as soon as she had recovered from the dregs of the disease she would be well again and that her relatives need not be alarmed. Marion always felt better after these daylight slumbers, which brought the roses back to her cheeks and made her feel strong. But the habit afforded her cousins a great opportunity for teasing. Often she would awaken on the dining room sofa to find them all laughing at her and making remarks not at all complimentary or kind. In their still more mischievous moods the boys and even Cathie and Matilda would sometimes tickle her face while she slept, saying, "Red head, sleepy head, go to bed!"

Naturally Marion grew to dread the presence of her cousins when she felt herself becoming sleepy. Strictly speaking, her hair was not red, but a beautiful shade of auburn. Aunt Patience presently called up the stairs, "Ain't you got the beds made yet, Marion?"

"Yes, ma'am," answered Marion. Her voice trembled, for she was crying.

"Then don't stay moping up there in the cold, or the first thing you'll be falling asleep."

The little girl tried hastily to hide the traces of her tears, but her eyes were red when she came into the dining room.

"What's the matter, Mary Ann?" asked Jim.

Marion disliked to be called "Mary Ann," and she did not answer.

"Been napping already this morning, Mary Ann?" asked Jack.

"Say, Mary Ann, Mary Ann!" continued Cathie.

"I would thank you to call me by my proper name," said Marion when she could endure the teasing no longer. "You know well enough that my name is not Mary Ann."

"Marion, your hair is awful red when the sun shines on it," said Matilda. "You can't deny it. I'll get you my hand mirror."

"I don't want your hand mirror," said Marion.

One of the boys now said "Reddy," and the new nickname was repeated among them [illegible]

The [illegible] still, every one of you!" she said sharply. "It's enough to make a body wish there was no Christmas, the way you carry on. Here, you Jim and Jack! Go right out and shovel the snow off the road to the gate. And you, Jo, go into the woodhouse and cut kindling. And you, Tillie and Cathie, go dust the parlor furniture."

This command left Marion alone in the dining room. Soon she found herself nodding over her sewing. "Oh, dear!" she thought. "I wish I didn't get these sleepy spells. The boys will soon be coming in. Oh, for some place to go and sleep quietly!"

She looked at the big sofa, which was a sofa bed of the kind that folds back. Marion noticed a shelf underneath the cushioned springs. Evidently this was intended to be utilized as a place to keep bedding. The shelf was empty, however, save for a little pillow and an old shawl, and a width of lining cloth hung from the top, concealing the opening. The contrivance reminded Marion of a berth in a sleeping car, and she had a sudden inspiration to creep into the cunning little retreat and take her nap unseen, and so escape molestation.

Aunt Patience was hard at work in the kitchen preparing for Christmas when a rap at the door announced a stranger.

"Good morning, madam," said a pleasant voice that seemed to suit the genial [illegible] face partially muffled in a sealskin cap. "Have you any old furniture to sell? It's my business to buy old articles that are in demand, renew them in my shop in town and sell them as antiques." The man handed Mrs. Croftroad a business card on which was printed "Cassius Quinette, Dealer In Antique Furniture."

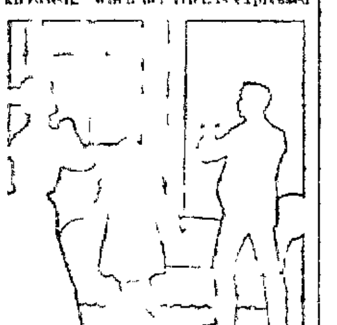
"Well," said Aunt Patience, showing the way into the dining room, "I don't suppose it's [illegible] to make an antique out of that old sofa. It's only a romping place for the children, and they've got the cloth nearly all torn off it."

"Yes, I see," smiled the man good naturedly. He gave the springs of the sofa a downward press with his hands, examined the mahogany veneering and then offered Mrs. Croftroad a sum of money that made her smile.

"Take it and welcome," she said, glad to be rid of what was to her an eyesore and a nuisance.

With the help of Jim and Jack the sofa was presently loaded on the wagon, and [illegible] directly Mr. Cassius Quinette was driving along the [illegible] road [illegible] congratulating himself on his latest bargain. [illegible] Mr. Quinette [illegible] occupied the [illegible] part of the house over the store and workroom. They had their living apartments arranged [illegible], for they both had good taste and plenty of means to gratify it.

"Oh, yes, I have every comfort and luxury," Mrs. Quinette would acknowledge when her friends expressed



JUST THEN OUT STEPPED A TRIM LITTLE ROSY CHEEKED MAIDEN.

admiration for her beautiful home. "But I often wish that there was some young person in the house to call me mother."

Mrs. Quinette was in one of these wistful states of mind on this particular afternoon. [illegible] As she looked out of the window she could see the people in the street carrying home their Christmas bundles, and she thought to herself: "Ah, if I only had a daughter! What nice presents I should buy for her! And I would have a Christmas tree for her even if she were a big girl!"

Presently she heard her husband's step on the stairs. He came into the parlor smiling. "Come down to the shop," he said, "and see what I brought home. I got it for a song."

"Oh, I would rather have some one to spend the [illegible] on," sighed Mrs. Quinette, [illegible] followed him.

"Won't it look fine when I get it done up in crimson brocade?" said Mr. Quinette.

The lady had seated herself on the old sofa, but she sprang up quickly with a startled look. "There's something in it living!"

"My dear, you are dreaming."

But just then the dream realized. Up went the hanging curtain at the back of the sofa, and out stepped a trim little rosy cheeked maiden. The sun shining on the auburn hair, which was a little tossed over the pure white forehead, made a halo, and Mrs. Quinette thought for a moment that it was too lovely a picture of sweet girlhood to be real. Was it a miracle or a delusion of the senses? Even Mr. Quinette's sensible business mind [illegible] stood speechless with surprise. Many strange things he had found in old sofas, rings and thimbles and coins and nameless curios—but never before a live little girl.

As will be imagined, Marion was not a little surprised too. Looking into the strange faces she perceived that both were kindly and instinctively felt that she was safe.

"I beg your pardon," she said, speaking first, "but I really do not know how I came here. I was asleep."

"You dear little girl," said Mrs. Quinette, stroking the shining hair to assure herself of its reality.

"I wish I had as good a title to you as I have to the sofa," smiled Mr. Quinette, addressing Marion after a little more talk and some mutual explanations. "I would give you to my wife for a Christmas present."

"Thank you. It would be a present that I would like," smiled the lady. "But," she added, "perhaps the little girl's relatives are distracted trying to find her. Cassius, go right back and tell them that she's safe and ask them to let her stay with us until after Christmas. Wouldn't you like to stay, dear?"

"Yes. Thank you for inviting me," answered Marion. She felt a little thrill at being called "dear." Since mamma's death no one had called her that. Marion was enchanted with the beauty of the place. In the dining room were birds and flowers and a sideboard full of glittering things. The parlor was a marvel of elegance, but the object that interested Marion most was the piano. "I wish I could play," [illegible]

[illegible] I love to [illegible]

Meanwhile Mr. Quinette arrived at the home of the Croftroads bringing his strange piece of intelligence. Yes, they had missed Marion, but they were not very uneasy as yet. He was a shrewd man, this Mr. Quinette, almost as good a judge of people as he was of old furniture, and he had not talked with the Croftroads very long until he saw that it would not be hard to persuade them to part with Marion altogether.

He approached the matter very delicately, however, told Mr. Croftroad who he was and proved his respectability and business standing. He told of his wife's longing for a little girl and of their long cherished intention to adopt a child. When he came home, his face was beaming.

"Will they let Marion stay until after Christmas?" asked Mrs. Quinette.

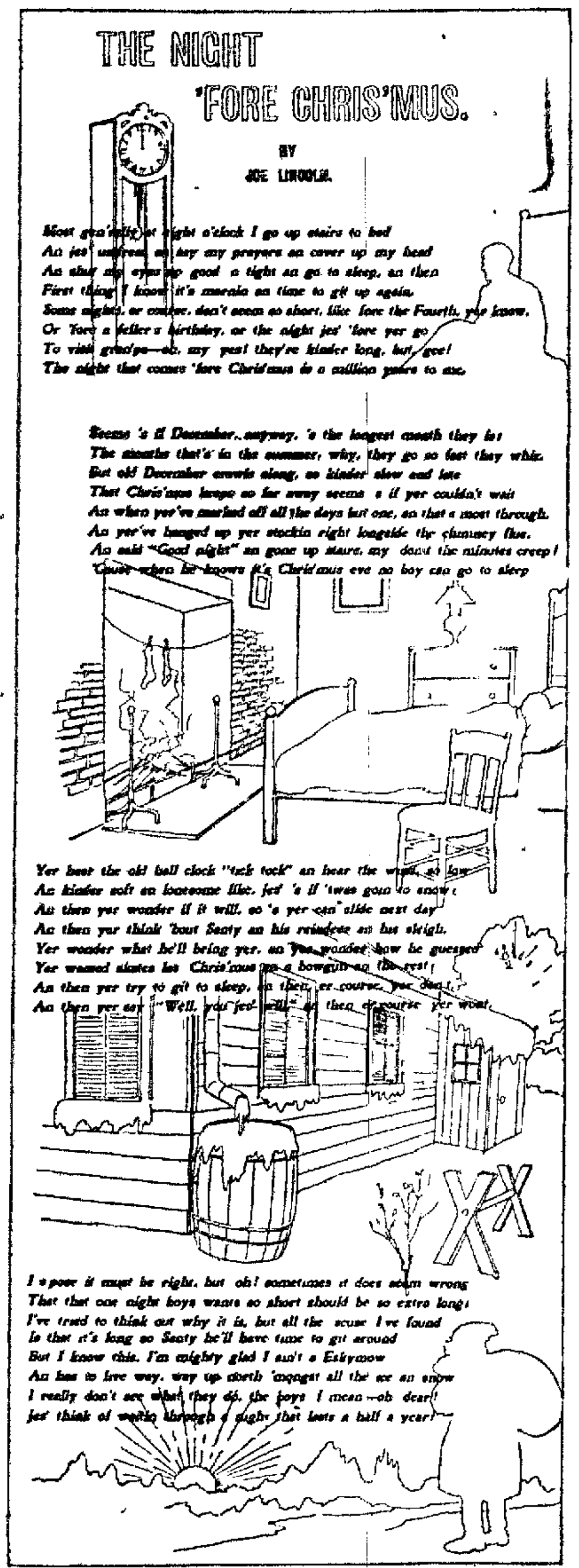
"I think they will let her stay for good and all. Of course nothing is settled yet, but I believe there will be no difficulty. So you can have your Christmas gift, my dear."

"Oh, Cassius, I'm so happy!" exclaimed Mrs. Quinette.

"So am I," answered Cassius.

As for Marion—but it would require too much space to tell of what this fortunate turn of events meant to her.

JANE ELLIS JOY.



THE NIGHT 'FORE CHRIS'MUS.

BY
JOE LINCOLN.

Most gen'rally at eight o'clock I go up stairs to bed
An' jes' undress an' say my prayers an cover up my head
An' shut my eyes up good an tight an go to sleep, an then
First thing I know it's mornin an time to git up again.
Some nights, or course, don't seem so short, like 'fore the Fourth, ye know,
Or 'fore a feller's birthday, or the night jes' 'fore yer go
To visit granpa—oh, my, yes! they're kinder long, but, gee!
The night that comes 'fore Christmas is a million years to me.

Seems 's if December, anyway, 's the longest month they is!
The months that's in the summer, why, they go so fast they whiz.
But old December crawls along, so kinder slow and late
That Chris'mus keeps so far away seems 's if yer couldn't wait.
An when yer've marked off all the days but one, an that's most through,
An yer've hanged up yer stockin right longside the chimney flue,
An said "Good night" an gone up stairs, my, dont the minutes creep!
'Cause when he knows it's Chris'mus eve no boy can go to sleep.

Yer hear the old hall clock "tick tock" an hear the wind so low
An kinder soft an lonesome like, jes' 's if 'twas goin to snow;
An then yer wonder if it will, so 's yer can slide next day,
An then yer think 'bout Santy an his reindeers an his sleigh.
Yer wonder what he'll bring yer, an yer wonder how he guessed
Yer wanted skates las' Chris'mus an a bowgun an the rest;
An then yer try to git to sleep, an then, er course, yer don't,
An then yer say "Well, you jes' will!" an then, er course, yer won't.

I s'pose it must be right, but oh! sometimes it does seem wrong
That that one night boys wants so short should be so extra long;
I've tried to think out why it is, but all the 'scuse I've found
Is that it's long so Santy he'll have time to git around.
But I know this, I'm mighty glad I ain't a Eskymow
An has to live way, way up north 'mongst all the ice an snow.
I really don't see what they do, the boys I mean—oh, dear!
Jes' think of waitin through a night that lasts a half a year!

Three Bites by a Shark.

J. Morris and Loren Hill relate a peculiar experience with a tarpon and an immense shark near Punta Gorda. While they were playing a large tarpon a shark came up and bit a half moon weighing about ten pounds out of the tarpon's belly. This killed the tarpon, but before it could be gaffed and pulled in the shark took out another half moon a size larger. As they were hauling the tarpon aboard the shark bit off the tail, equaling one-third the length and about one fourth the weight of the fish. The part that was left over weighed 104 pounds. They beat the shark over the head with the oars. The fish would have been a record breaker and would have weighed about 250 pounds. The scales were preserved and measured 3½ by 4½ inches.

Hindoo Confectionery.

Like the American girls, Hindoo girls are passionately fond of sweet things. One of their candies, sadu, is very much like our plain sugar candy. It is made of sugar and milk and flavored with attar of roses. Buddhika bal, or hair of Buddha, is one of their most popular sweetmeats. It is so called because it is in fine long strings like vermicelli. This is made of sugar and cream from buffalo's milk, which is exceedingly rich. The women pass most of their time eating candy and gossiping.—Baltimore News.

Her Own Prescription.

Dr. Young—My dear, your throat demands better protection from the drafts of the opera house.

Mrs. Young—Yes, darling. I ought to have a three rope pearl necklace for such occasions.—Jewelers' Weekly.

A sinecure is a position in which one man puts you for the purpose of drawing the salary while another man does the work.—Chicago News.

It is nonsense to say wealth doesn't bring true happiness when a fortune teller can be hired for $1 to predict any girl's marriage.—Detroit Journal.

[illegible] in the penitentiary are [illegible] that live up to [illegible] Bust

The Old Man Had Changed.

A Lancaster county man once came to a Philadelphia portrait painter with a request that he paint a picture of his father. "Very well," said the artist, "have the old gentleman come in when next in town, and I will give him a sitting." The man replied, "He gan't do dot; he is dead."

"Oh, well, then you have a photograph of him?"

"No, I don't got no fotograf of him elder."

"Well, how do you expect me to paint the portrait of your father when I cannot see him and I have nothing to give me an idea of his appearance?"

"Vell," he replied, "I dinked maybe of I dold you about him you gan baint him from dot."

"All right," said the artist, "describe him."

"Vell, my fadder was not so dall und not so short; he was not fat und not so din." And so the honest fellow proceeded to describe his father as he recalled him.

The artist undertook to paint the picture, and in due course it is completed and the Lancaster county man comes in to view the results of the artist's efforts. As the canvas is disclosed he gazes long and reverently upon the picture of his departed parent. Then he feelingly remarks: "Yah, dot is mine fadder. Mine fadder vat I loafed so much. But ach himmel, fadder, how you haf changed!"—Philadelphia Times.

A Beautiful System.

The Memphis Scimitar tells of a recent bride whose husband noticed that she was keeping an itemized account of the household expenses. In looking it over one day he noticed at the bottom of each page or two the letters "D. K. W." This somewhat puzzled him. He really found it very difficult to keep from thinking about what these letters could possibly mean. It occurred to him that possibly his wife was saving out some money to buy something for him. But then he knew that his initials were not "D. K. W.," and this did not prove a satisfactory solution to the matter.

So one day when his wife was in a real good humor he took her in his arms and asked what she meant by "D. K. W., 50 cents; D. K. W., $1," and the like.

She replied: "D. K. W." stand for don't know what. Whenever I went to balance my account at the end of each page and found I had spent money for which I could not account I just put in a sufficient amount with the item 'D. K. W.' to make it balance just exactly."

Spanish Are Charitable.

The Spanish are among the most charitable people on earth. Without a poor tax Spanish communities of 50,000 self supporters feed a pauper population of 5,000 or more.

His Eyesight Good.

Large Lady—Could you see me across the street, officer?

New Policeman—Shure, ma'am. It's tin toimes th' distance Oi could see yez.—Chicago News.

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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS.

Each year thousands of children write letters to Santa Claus and mail them. In large cities they are handed to the "blind reader," who looks after difficult, illegible or erroneous addresses, and are then sent to Santa Claus at the dead letter office, Washington. Many children think Santa lives in New York, some associate the saint with the north pole, and others think his proper address is in Iceland. It was no doubt a freak of childhood that to the words "north pole" on one envelope was added "Brooklyn." A New Orleans child addressed his letter to "Willie Santa Claus, New York, La." There are no "return requests" placed in the upper left hand corner of the envelope, which goes to show the sublime faith the children have that the letter simply cannot fail to reach Santa Claus. One boy wrote:

Dear Santa Claus: My ma told me to rite to you. I want you to bring me a gun and a pair of rubber boots. If you can't spare them both, please I'll take the gun. I don't mind if I do get my feet wet. JOHN.

[illegible] I want [illegible] to shoot rabbits for our dinner. You'll bring ma a red dress. She looks so [illegible]

Another little boy wrote the following:

I wish you would kindly send me a noah's ark and a [illegible] full of candy. good boy.

A Philadelphia boy wrote this letter to Mr. Kriss Kringle, Northland, North Pole:

I am a good little boy and I [illegible] please [illegible] [illegible]

For years the dead letter office in Washington had an annual visitor in the person of a rich old man, who would come a week or two before Christmas and get 20 or 30 of the many letters addressed to Santa Claus. Having made his selection of the more modest requests, he would buy the toys and send them to the children as coming from their patron saint. Christmas came last year and went, but no one called at the dead letter office for the letters. The old man was dead.

JOHN R. STRANGE.

SOME DON'TS FOR CHRISTMAS.

Don't fail to make happy the Christmas of some needy persons of your acquaintance.

Don't spend more than you can afford on presents. This is good advice, and of course you will not take it.

Don't find fault if your presents are duplicated, and don't tell your friend you exchanged one duplicate at the store for something else.

Don't hang up your bicycle stockings or your watch.

Don't tell children under 10 years of age that Santa Claus is a myth. This dear old fellow is one of the most beautiful delusions of childhood.

Don't urge other people to tell what they received for Christmas if they appear reticent. Perhaps they didn't get anything.

Don't tell some one who has sent you a gift for Christmas that you will reciprocate on New Year's. Just do so if you wish without announcing it.

Don't despise homemade gifts. Are they not the work of loving hearts and willing hands? (P. S. If your wife gives you a homemade necktie, this doesn't go.)

Don't give pictorial primers to girls who have celebrated their twelfth birthday. Give them powder puffs instead.

Don't fail to smoke the new pipe your wife gives you. Use it with ostentation and use the old sweet briar when she's not around.

Don't hint to a person that you are going to give him or her a present in order to prompt that person to obtain one for yourself.

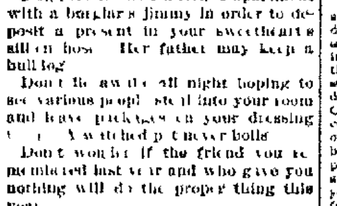
Don't try to enter a locked apartment with a burglar's jimmy in order to deposit a present in your sweetheart's silk hose. Her father may keep a bulldog.

Don't lie awake all night hoping to see various people steal into your room and leave packages on your dressing [illegible]. Switched [illegible] never holds.

Don't wonder if the friend you remembered last year and who gave you nothing will do the proper thing this year.

Don't expect your neighbor to overwhelm you with thanks if you give his youngster a billygoat.

Don't give suspenders to a young man unless you are engaged to be



DON'T GIVE A COMPLETE LOVE LETTER WRITER TO THE OLDEST MINISTER IN TOWN.

married to him, and, if you are, don't forget to put elastic in the suspenders.

Don't pretend that you think Christmas a nuisance and should be abolished. Just get off the earth yourself. You never will be missed.

Don't be jealous of others whose gifts are more numerous and elegant than your own. They may owe larger bills than you do.

Don't send expensive presents to new friends and acquaintances unless you are very wealthy.

Don't take your best girl sleigh riding behind a team of colts that are only half broken to harness. A nine mile walk through the snow yanks all the romance out of the affair.

Don't tell your sister that you had intended to give her a much nicer present, but had found out that the manufacturers could not get it finished in time for Christmas. She may have heard such stories before.

Don't give your wife a $400 sealskin on a $1,000 salary.

Don't look a box of gift cigars in the—well, in the label.

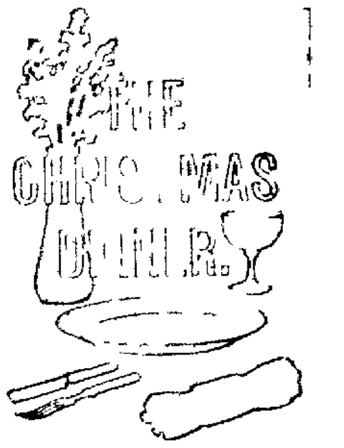
Don't give your boy a drum and then kick because he is noisy.

Don't idly wish every day were Christmas because you have had a good time. One Christmas a year is more than enough for most people.

LEON MEAD.

Dancing.

In the earlier ages dancing was advocated as a cure for sickness. Tyrtæus brought back from India and Egypt to Lacedæmonia notions of medico religious dances and enacted that the Spartan youth should be brought up gracefully and symmetrically. In Greece Socrates commended dancing with a view to educating the mind and body, to be looked on it as a health giving device.



THE CHRISTMAS DINNER.

A FEW HELPFUL HINTS FOR THE GOOD HOUSEWIFE.

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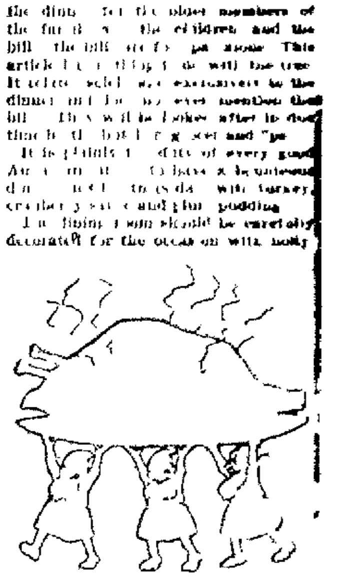
The three great features of Christmas day are the tree, the dinner and the bill. The tree is for the children, the dinner for the older members of the family, and the children and the bill—the bill is for pa alone. This article [illegible] will be true. It refers solely and exclusively to the dinner, and [illegible] ever mention that bill. This will be looked after in due time by [illegible] and "pa."

It is plainly [illegible] of every good American [illegible] to have a bounteous dinner [illegible] with turkey, cranberry sauce and plum pudding.

The dining room should be carefully decorated for the occasion with holly



BRINGING IN THE CHRISTMAS PUDDING.

Evergreen [illegible] Christmas tree standing in one corner of the [illegible] [illegible] the following menu and recipes [illegible] prepare a [illegible] dinner that will be worthy of the occasion.

MENU FOR CHRISTMAS DINNER.

[illegible]

Cream of [illegible]

Olives. [illegible] Celery. [illegible] Pickles.

Potatoes a la [illegible]

Roast Turkey.

Cranberry [illegible]

String Beans. [illegible]

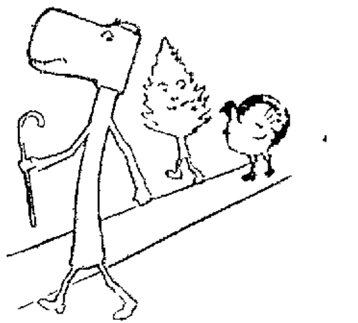
[illegible]

ROAST TURKEY [illegible] water.

PLUM PUDDING [illegible] gill of brandy and one of sherry and mix the pudding thoroughly.

MARY JANE COOKE.

MR. AX'S CHRISTMAS JOKE.



Mr. Ax: There comes Tree and Turk. I think I shall have to cut their acquaintance this Christmas.

Accommodated.

The manager of the clothing department opened his envelope on pay day and howled.

"Look here, Miggs," he said to the cashier, "this is the fourth time in succession you have paid me with three $20 bills, and I'm getting tired of hustling around to get them changed. Suppose you work your big bills off on some other fellow for awhile, begad!"

"Mr. Miggs," spoke up a calm, unemotional, businesslike voice from somebody who was sitting inside the railing with a newspaper in his hand, "for the next four weeks you will please save Mr. Whitcham some annoyance by keeping one $20 bill per week out of his envelope."—Chicago Tribune.

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Dr. [illegible] of Agnew, Mich., says: "I have used [illegible] Honey and Tar in three very severe cases of [illegible] with good results." L. L. Hogarth & Co.

I was troubled with dyspepsia [illegible] vainly tried [illegible] mineral springs and [illegible] [illegible] dyspepsia Cure. That [illegible] cured me. It digests what you eat. Cures indigestion, sour stomach, heartburn and all forms of dyspepsia. L. L. Hogarth & Co.

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ANNOUNCEMENT.

The MINER is authorized to announce the name of W. F. Beckwith of Farmers Valley as a candidate for supervisor of Keating township, subject to the decision of the Republican caucus.

THE money kings of Wall street, New York, have had a sheol of a time lately.

LARGE discoveries of gold are reported in Japan. This is another blow at free silver.

REPUBLICANS, be on your guard when Democrats attempt to break in to your fold.

THE next Republican national convention will be held in Philadelphia on the 19th of June, 1900.

BRYAN has received another shock. The governor of Arkansas has declared in favor of national expansion.

THE hardest fight the Republican party will encounter in 1900 will be to keep Democrats from declaring themselves Republicans.

IS THERE one man in McKean county who has the courage of his convictions sufficiently to stand as a candidate for member of assembly or the state senate.

IF the Republicans of this congressional district don't keep their eyes open Joe Sibley will capture the nomination for congress on the Republican ticket next fall.

OVER fifty new cotton mills are reported as built since January 1st, last. This is another one of those examples of Mr. Bryan's fleeting and "temporary" prosperity.

THE currency bill passed the house on Monday by a vote of 190 to 150. Every Republican voted for the measure and, strange to relate, eleven Democrats also voted aye.

THE MINER desires to congratulate the Philadelphia *Press* for the energetic work performed in securing the next Republican national convention in the city of brotherly love.

COL. C. A. STEBBINS of Coudersport has announced himself as a candidate for state senator on the *Republican* ticket in the district composed of Potter, Tioga and McKean counties.

ONE of the heaviest blows to Senator Pettigrew was the discovery, upon his visit to Japan, that that country was really all the more prosperous for having adopted the gold standard.

THE people of the Keystone state are beginning to realize the fact that the state and the Republican party are of more importance than Quay. It has taken years to bring this fact to the front, but it is here and must be recognized.

TO PROPERLY and effectively police the United States, Col. Bryan will have to appoint deputies. Here, for instance, while he is down in Texas, Maine needs his immediate attention. The mill employes all through the states are receiving a ten per cent. advance.

CHINA, Mexico and the Central American states are about the only countries left with a silver standard, and yet there are a few men found who have the hardihood to insist that the Democrats must make the silver issue the chief plank in their platform again.

IF woolen clothing advances next season, the pessimists and the howlers should not forget that the price of fine wool has increased about 50 per cent. since last spring, and that the woolen manufacturers have just made a 10 per cent. advance in wages to some 26,000 employes.

THERE never was a time in the history of the Democratic party when it was so near disruption as it is at present. All their former platforms have proven to consist of nothing but perishable material when brought in contact with the Republican principles of protection and *reciprocity*.

THE death of Senator Hayward of Nebraska will be a *distinct* loss to the senate; both on account of the loss of a good Republican and because of the return to his old seat of Senator Wm. V. Allen, whose lengthy speeches, so called, on any and all subjects, severely taxed the proverbial senatorial courtesy.

NEITHER congress nor the president will be, as stated by some papers, embarrassed by the Boer sympathy resolution introduced by Senator Mason. It is only a little piece of spectacular performing on Mr. Mason's part, and he himself does not expect any result from it other than attracting attention to Senator Mason.

MORE than nine-tenths of the commerce of the world is now carried on by the gold standard countries. It would be a queer proceeding for a nation which is making the commercial progress that the United States is now enjoying to change its currency standard to that of the one-tenth and put itself out of touch with the nine-tenths.

MANY Republicans throughout the nation have been *greatly surprised* at the attitude of Senator G. F. Hoar of Mass. on the Philippine question. But after his address before the senatorial committee on privileges and elections in behalf of Quay, no one ought to feel any surprise. When a man of his standing in national affairs will attempt to change the wording or meaning of the constitution in order to aid Quay to gain a seat in the United States Senate, it is time to call a halt on such statesmanship. Give us a law that will allow the people to vote direct for United States Senator.

MR. BRYAN, while congratulating Texans on the greatness of their state and the good returns from the cotton crop, should have extended some expressions to workmen in the cotton mills of New England, whose wages have been advanced all along the line.

WHAT a fine picture the Keystone state presents before the upper house of congress to-day. With an overwhelming Republican majority the governor finds it necessary to appoint a man to the United States Senate, and one whom a majority of the people do not want. In order to carry out the plans of the machine the attorney-general finds it necessary to go to Washington to argue before the committee on privileges and elections that his boss, M. S. Quay, ought to be allowed a seat in the senate.

IT is evidently the intention of Potter county to make a lively contest for the Republican nomination for State Senator in the McKean-Potter-Tioga district. Charles A. Stebbins is authoritatively announced as a candidate. For some years the senator has been *chosen* from either Tioga or McKean county. In fact, since the last apportionment, twenty-six years ago—the constitutional mandate having been ignored all that time—McKean county has had the senator for three terms, and Tioga county for three terms and a fraction. The last Senator *from* Potter was Arthur G. Olmsted, now on the common pleas bench, and he was elected in 1865, when the district was composed of Clinton, McKean, Potter and Tioga counties. There is every probability that the contest for the nomination soon to be made will be full of interest.—Philadelphia Press.

MAJOR GENERAL LAWTON KILLED.

Major General Henry W. Lawton was shot and almost instantly killed at San Mateo on Tuesday. He was walking along the firing line within 300 yards of a small sharpshooters' trench when he was struck in the breast by a bullet and fell dying into the arms of a staff officer. In relation to Gen. Lawton's career we publish the following:

Major General Henry W. Lawton was born in Ohio and was appointed to the United States army from Indiana. He joined as sergeant of Co. E, Ninth Indiana Volunteers, in April, 1861. In July of the same year he was made first lieutenant of the 30th Indiana and was promoted to the rank of captain May 17, 1862. He was made lieutenant colonel Feb. 10, 1865, and brevet colonel March 13, of the same year. He was mustered out on Nov. 25, 1865, and entered the regular army as second lieutenant of the 41st infantry July 28, 1866; promoted to be captain in March, 1879; major in 1888; lieutenant colonel in 1889, and was appointed major general of the volunteers, July 8, 1898. Afterward he was assigned to duty in the inspector general's department, and early in 1899 was detailed as corps commander of the troops in the Philippines. On Gen. Lawton's arrival at Manila he relieved Gen. Anderson in command of the regular troops. He captured Santa Cruz, at the extreme end of the lake near Manila, April 10. This place, which was a Filipino stronghold, fell into the hands of Gen. Lawton's expedition after some sharp fighting which formed one of the most interesting battles of the war. Gen. Lawton and his staff accompanied the troops, sometimes leading charges in Indian fighting tactics, which eventually resulted in the complete rout of the rebels. The general's next hard fighting took place in his attack on San Rafael, where the American troops were met with a heavy fire from a large number of rebels who were concealed in the jungles on all sides.

"BOMBAY THE RAINBOW CITY AND BOMBAY THE HORRIBLE."

I have described some striking features of one Bombay, but there are two Bombays just now. There will be two during the twenty or fifty years that the plague may last—Bombay the Rainbow City and Bombay the Horrible. The latter phase is now uppermost. While the plague lasts Bombay must continue dark and hideous, shadowed by the vulture wings of death, tainted in water, soil, air and food with the bacilli of the pestilence, strewn with dead like a battlefield whereon hunger, filth and fatalism join hands with epidemic to decimate the human swarm. This phase has already lasted four years. In the menace it offers to Christendom, in the interest it has for men of science, in the extraordinary problem it presents to the white conquerors of India, in the strange, almost unearthly scenes it daily produces—in all these respects it is too important to miss at least a few pen-strokes toward description here. In these I will unite what I saw and heard of the pest between one side of India and the other.

Remember that the incense of the ball given at the government house was fresh in my nostrils—the odor of the flowers, the perfume of a hundred Bond street scents. The melody of the last waltz still vibrated in my ears, and I could close my eyes and still see the swaying figures of the belles and soldiers whom I had just left behind me.

Then the journalistic instinct came uppermost, and I studied the scene closely. We stood facing a long and narrow yard between high walls. A small shallow ditch ran the length of it near one side. Beside this, in a row, were the pyres, each five or six feet high, and made by banking small rough tree branches and bits of tree trunks between tall, slender iron pillars, two on each side to keep the pyres in shape. A pair of spreading trees, whose nearer leaves were shrivelled and dried, shivered painfully in the ascending current of heat, as if they were holding their fingers in the flame and bravely resisting an inclination to shriek with pain.

Back and to the right stood a group of motionless men and women in white, looking at the glowing heaps which shot up flames like fire fountains. These were the mourners. Over their heads, in the trembling branches of the trees, I now noticed several mysterious bundles, like melons or puddings done up in bags. As we looked on, a polite man came up to our bearer and talked earnestly with him. He would not be put off from whatever he was urging. "He says we are to go away," said the bearer, "and that we can get passes to come again." Go away, I replied, by all means, and at once. Again my eye swept the repellent scene. Above each glowing tube of fire rose red tongues of flame; above these were yellow, fleeting, gaseous sheets of fire that came and went; higher still the yellow flashes turned to blue. Then came the black clouds of smoke which blended in one grand jet mass that drifted lazily away toward the sea—the common pall of all the dead.—Julian Ralph in Harper's Magazine.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18, 1899.

Speaker Henderson had an unusual experience in connection with the Republican financial bill, which was to-day passed by the house by a decisive majority, including every Republican member of the house and a few Democrats; and he is naturally much pleased. He had the honor of being chairman of the caucus committee which prepared the bill as well as being the speaker of the house that passed it. The bill will go over to the senate at once, but whether it will be reported to the senate from the finance committee, to which it will be referred, with amendments, or whether the bill prepared by the Republican members of that committee during the summer recess, which differs somewhat from the house bill, will be reported as a substitute is not yet positively known, although the chances favor the latter action.

President McKinley left a number of prominent men waiting in his office while he accompanied Mrs. Hobart, who had been in Washington several days arranging for the removal of her late husband's personal property to her New Jersey home, to the railroad station. It was a thoughtful and courteous act, but Mr. McKinley is one of the most thoughtful and courteous of men at all times.

Republicans in the house enjoyed the little spat over Kentucky politics, between Representatives Berry and Wheeler of that state, both Democrats. Mr. Berry is an anti Goebel Democrat while Mr. Wheeler is a Goebel man. The most significant thing about this Democratic squabble was the declaration of Mr. Wheeler that Goebel would be governor of Kentucky before spring, which indicates an intention on the *part of the Goebelites to try to get the* legislature to oust Governor Taylor and put Goebel in. It has been understood for some days in Washington that Joe Blackburn was working towards that end, because as long as he can keep the governorship dangling before the eyes of Goebel, he can keep Goebel from trying to get the senatorship. At the conclusion of the Democratic washing of dirty linen, Representative Boreing of Kentucky, a Republican, made a few remarks. He said: "I am *willing to admit that one faction of the* Democratic party in Kentucky is just as bad as the other says it is, but in so far as I understand the remarks of Mr. Wheeler, that the election of Gen. Taylor was accomplished by fraud and rascality, I desire to denounce that as untrue. The election was held by a Goebel Democratic commission, under the Goebel election law, enacted for *the express purpose of elevating Goebel* to power. It must be in bad taste and must be humiliating to both Mr. Goebel and his representative upon this floor to announce that they appealed from the decision of their own board."

The choice of Philadelphia for the Republican convention city of next year, by a majority of one vote in the national committee, was most fitting in view of the brotherly love now existing in the Republican party, which *is more harmonious than at any time* in its history and the fact that the ticket is likely to be nominated by acclamation. Chicago lost the convention by over confidence, accepting the belief that it was bound to be chosen instead of hustling; New York was never seriously considered.

The membership of the three new senate committees, created to deal with legislation affecting our new possessions and Cuba is one of which the country may be proud; they contain as much ability as any three committees in the senate. Senator Foraker is chairman of the committee on Pacific islands and Porto Rico, and the Republican members are Gallinger, Perkins, Fairbanks, Nelson, McComas and Depew; the Democratic members are Cockerill, Pettigrew, who was classed as a Democrat in the committee assignments, Mallory and Clark of Montana. Senator Lodge is chairman of the committee on the Philippines, and the Republican members are Allison, Hale, Davis, Proctor, McBride and Beveridge; the Democratic members are Rawlings, Turley and Culberson, leaving one vacancy which will probably go to Allen, who has been appointed by the governor of Nebraska to fill a vacancy. Senator Platt of Connecticut is chairman of the committee on relations with Cuba and the Republican members are Aldridge, Cullom, Davis, McMillan, *Chandler and Spooner; the Democratic* members are Teller, who is classed as a Democrat, although he still calls himself a silver Republican, Money, Butler and Talliaferro.

Senator Quay is in Washington while the senate committee on elections is considering his claim for a seat. The committee has heard arguments for and against Mr. Quay, but it is hardly probable that *it will report before the* holiday recess, as congress will adjourn on Wednesday until Jan 3.

Senator Hanna entertained the Republican national committee, of which he is chairman, at the close of their meeting at a banquet, which was a veritable Republican love feast. There were sixty guests.

The Ohio Republican association gave Governor elect Nash a rousing and enthusiastic public reception Saturday night.

AN HONEST CONFESSION.

Hon. Joseph Sibley, member of congress from this district, in the following language says more in favor of Republican principles and our able president than one would naturally expect from a Democrat:

"*I publicly predicted that if McKin*ley and the gold standard were successful prices would fall with a corresponding increase in the purchasing power of the gold dollar, and we would have an era of hard times and commercial depression such as this country has seldom witnessed. Now I look around me and I see the forges blazing, the fires lighted in all the furnaces, the shuttles weaving and the looms spinning. Every man who has a day's labor to sell finds a ready market for it. Everywhere there is plenty and prosperity, and so it occurs to me that somebody must have been mistaken, and perhaps that fellow was me."

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My son has been troubled for years with chronic diarrhoea. Sometime ago I persuaded him to take some of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. After using two bottles of the 25 cent size he was cured. I give this testimonial, hoping some one similarly afflicted may read it and be benefited.—Thomas C. Bower, Glencoe, O. For sale by L. K. Hogarth & Co.

Miss Annie E. Gunning, Tyre, Mich., says: "I suffered a long time from dyspepsia; lost flesh and became very weak. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure completely cured me." It digests what you eat and cures all forms of stomach trouble. It never fails to give immediate relief in the worst cases. L. K. Hogarth & Co.

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ENGLAND'S BIG CONTRACT.

As the war in the Transvaal goes on it is becoming evident that England has a bigger contract on hand than she bargained for and that the people of this country knew little a few months ago about the land or strength of the Boers. Now that maps and history have been studied, it is seen that Great Britain has entered upon a task greater than any she has encountered or undertaken since the wars with Napoleon. It matters not what price she must pay in blood and treasure, England must go on, or receive a shock that will be felt throughout her vast dominions and lower her prestige among the nations. Self-confidence at first made her underrate the work before her, just as we did in the Philippines and as did the leaders in the civil war when the first call of 75,000 men was thought sufficient to restore the Union. Recent events show the Boer war is not a contest for the "Home Guards," as was assumed in the beginning, but one which will test to the utmost the resources of the Empire. Even now it seems probable that England will have to put not less than 150,000 men into the African campaign—one of the largest armies she has ever employed at one time in the field or so far from home.

At this moment, with English reverses of the most serious kind reported, the situation, politically and topographically, is decidedly in favor of the Boers. With a possible confederation of all South Africa, and insurrection at every point, the war has assumed proportions similar to that which lost England her American colonies. It is true that she is richer now than in 1776, but her responsibilities are in proportion and the jealousies and power of her enemies are also greater, which may lead to a diversion of her energies to protect interests already established. Under the circumstances, English statesmen may as well admit the facts frankly and make ready to confront the worst which can be expected. England's standing army amounts to 230,000 men, supplemented by a volunteer force of 250,000 in a fair state of drill and discipline. A large portion of both these forces will be needed—the former to fight, the latter to hold what is taken and guard the base of supplies—for the military authorities estimate that the Boers have now at least 50,000 fighting men, while some place the actual armed force at 75,000. All are seasoned and hardy fighters, excellent shots, thoroughly acclimatized, provided with the best modern weapons and with a good, if not large, field artillery train, fully acquainted with the topography of the country in its aspects of offense and defense, and adepts in that kind of defensive warfare in which their strategy so far admirably displayed, will find its most skillful outlet. They have immense stores of arms and munitions of war, as well as food resources, their country is one of the best in the world for defensive operations, and they will fight with the courage of despair. The Boers have staked everything on this issue, and the dogged tenacity of their race cannot be for a moment questioned. To conquer such a people under the conditions which will rule in the rear as the British attack pushes on, the fighting power in the front should be at least half as great again as that of the Boers, with enough force to hold the communications intact and do garrison work.

Such is the task England has undertaken as presented by the latest news and estimates and read in the light of recent defeats. She has put her hand to the plow, and cannot look backward, for, as we have intimated, in case of final defeat her prestige would wane in every part of the world, it would add vigor to the hostility of other nations, endanger her colonial power and hurt her strength in ways innumerable. The fact that she must conquer is the best assurance that she will in the end, but victory will be bought at a fearful price.—Lancaster Examiner.

OBJECT OF FARMERS' INSTITUTES.

The leading purpose of the farmers' institute is to improve agriculture, by carrying information in regard to this *occupation* to those who need it, and by developing individual self reliance, intelligence and prosperity among country people, to fit them in the highest degree for the performance of their duties as citizens in the state, and for the production in the most economical and profitable manner, of the crops, animals and products needed by civilized mankind.

It cannot be done by confining our efforts to the process of pouring truth, however valuable, into people. They must be brought to help themselves and this is best done by starting them to working out some of the problems of agriculture, and writing down the results of their research and experience, and presenting their conclusions for the criticism of practical and scientific people, thus stimulating inquiry and crystalizing thought into available, practicable and useful form. *Develop, therefore, local people.* Outside lecturers and teachers are valuable for the assistance and encouragement which they give to local talent, but ought not in any case to occupy more than a fair proportion of the time at the disposal of the institute. Keep in mind the fact that the main object of the institute is to develop home talent.

As a cure for rheumatism Chamberlain's Pain Balm is gaining a wide reputation. D. B. Johnston of Richmond, Ind., has been troubled with that ailment since 1862. In speaking of it he says: "I never found anything that would relieve me until I used Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It acts like magic with me. My foot was swollen and paining me very much, but one good application of Pain Balm relieved me." For sale by L. K. Hogarth & Co.

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NOTICE is hereby given that an application will be made to the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on Friday, January 12th, 1900, by Robert Osgood, Clarence A. Backer, John E. Rooney, A. C. Weisz and J. W. Bouton, under the Act of Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania entitled an act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations approved April 29th, 1874, and the supplements thereto for the charter of an intended corporation to be called "Smethport Extract Company", the character and object of which is the manufacturing and dealing in tanning extracts and tanning materials, and the buying and selling of commodities from which such tanning extracts and tanning materials are manufactured, and for these purposes to have, possess and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges of the said Act of Assembly and its supplements.

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Stylish Top Coats of Handsome Grey Friezes and Coverts, $10 to $20. Other good kinds from $5 upwards. Best values obtainable anywhere.

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in fact anything and everything for the home. We carefully pack and pay freight on all goods. It will pay you to come to Olean and trade with us. You can more than save your car fare.

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Everything in this Line That is Useful.

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Stamped goods, all descriptions.

Table Damask in patterns 60x108 inches, $3.00 to $4.00 each.

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Also large assortment of fine napkins, regular stock.

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Every kind of linen goods for fancy work.

New effects in towelings.

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All new crepons and desirable effects in the latest designs.

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Sateens, India silks. All styles 85c to $4.25. Also outing flannel underskirts at 25c each.

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—New fads in gents' mufflers, entirely new.
—Fascinators.
—Fancy table covers, blue, green, brown and red shades.
—Portiers in all colors, styles and prices.
—Men's and boys' sweaters.
—Gloves and mittens.

Wraps.

—Misses' and children's coats, special holiday price.
—Ladies' coats and capes at bargains.
—Collarettes, all styles, kinds and colors, prices from $4.00 to $10.00.

Groceries.

—Stem raisins, seeded raisins, cleaned currants and citron for Christmas cakes.
—Cranberries.
—F. S. Flour, no better on the market. If you wish to make a present of a sack we will discount on the regular price.
—Full line of canned goods.
—Chase & Sanborn's teas and coffees, in bulk and in packages.
—Pickles, sweet and sour, bulk and bottle goods.
—Mixed nuts, olives, fine apples, Heinz bottle goods, Cross & Blackwell's imported pickles, salad dressing, Tobasco sauce.
—Fine fruit flavors, all kinds.
—California canned goods, peaches, apricots, plums, pears and cherries.
—Most everything for your table, Christmas dinner.

J. COLEGROVE,
Next to Bank. SMETHPORT, PENNA.

TEN THOUSAND GIFTS

Under one roof here we have gathered ten thousand gifts. The store is within easy reach of you, and the stock is the greatest within 100 miles. We have absolutely everything that's made in the lines that we carry, and those lines comprise practically all Christmas gifts. Cheapness, variety and worth are here. Come.

5000 Toys.

Every toy that the market offers—no new toy missing.

2000 Dolls.

A city of dolls of every description—10 cts up.

100 Games.

Every game we know of.

200 Lamps.

Two hundred different styles.

500 Books.

Children's books from 5c to 25c.

100 Dinner Sets.

All our own importation.

200 Silver Novelties.

All useful—small in cost.

1000 Umbrellas.

From $1 to $20—many novelties.

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The stock in our jewelry department alone represents $40,000. More diamonds than were ever before shown here, all purchased before the late enormous advance. No better investment is possible.

We can only mention the lines here, and to tell you that every *line is as complete as any store anywhere can carry.* You could not find more variety in the largest cities, and prices would be higher.

China Sets in cases
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Jardinieres—hundreds
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All Silverware
Rogers 1847 Flat Ware
Sterling Silver goods
Cut Glass, silver mounted
The newest belt buckles
Silk Suspenders
Silk Garters
Bissell's Carpet Sweepers
Sewing Machines, $19.50
Razors—Safety Razors
Shaving Sets
Knives from 10c to $4.00
Carving Sets
Chafing Dishes
Fountain Pens
China Chime Clocks
Watches from $3 to $150
Skates from 50c up
Sleds from 40c up
Smoking Sets
Ebony Toilet Sets
500 rings with settings
All kinds of Pocket Books

Outside of furniture and cloths, all gifts are here, and the exhibit and the prices will bring you again. That is why we invite you.

L. EMERY, JR., & CO.,

EMERY & WEAVER,

The Great Supply House. BRADFORD.

Christmas 1899.

This week we are showing a fine line of Stamped Goods, in all prices, and Embroidery Silks in all shades at the store of D. C. YOUNG.

Next Week

We will show our Christmas goods. Finest line ever brought into town. Look at them before buying your Christmas presents.

D. C. YOUNG.

Nov. 28, 1899. Smethport, Pa.

STOP! READ! and REFLECT
And then go to
BROWNELL BROTHERS,
Where you will find a carefully and well selected stock of
DRY GOODS, NOTIONS,
FURNISHING GOODS,
HATS, CAPS. BOOTS and SHOES.
AND A CHOICE LINE OF THE
FINEST GROCERIES
TO BE FOUND IN TOWN AT
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THE CANTON PANCAKE GRIDDLE.

The Greatest Kitchen Novelty in the World.

WANTED—Man financially good to sell agents or merchants the greatest pancake griddle on earth. A new thing. Great catch. The only griddle in the world making a square cake, and as light and spongy as a biscuit. You turn the cake by dumping them from one side the griddle to the other. All agents or dealers want them. The greatest novelty to sell out. Hustler can sell 500 dozen a month and realize near $5,000 annually. Also local agents wanted in each county. Send stamp for particulars. THE CANTON GRIDDLE Co., Canton, Ohio.

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Christmas Extraordinary.

As the great day of the year draws near crowds of gift seekers increase and splendid stocks diminish.

Be among the satisfied ones who are purchasing their good will offerings now.

There is infinite variety here.

Bric a brac
China
Toys & Games
Dolls
Vases
Tree Ornaments
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Baskets
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Suspenders
Slippers
Laundry Bags
Rugs
Shawls
Umbrellas
Gloves

SWEETS

A full assortment of fresh candies and nuts at proper prices.

CLEARANCE SALE!

ONE WEEK.

Owing to Mr. Lindholm's serious illness we are reducing stocks in some departments. Notably:

Cloaks and Furs, Boys' Clothing.

Special prices are doing it. It will pay you to buy now.

F. G. Lindholm & Co.
Dry Goods, Groceries, Shoes,
Smethport, Pa.

Mail orders carefully executed.

How's Your Frame

of mind, concerning pictures? You should preserve your present likeness for coming years if nothing else. The latest and best effects always to be found at "Ike's" studio.

Have You Any Pictures

That need framing? You can find a full assortment of stylish mouldings &c. of the latest design here. A nice frame beautifies and preserves a picture. Come and look them over.

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Entered at the postoffice at Smethport as second-class mail matter.

SMETHPORT, THURSDAY, DEC. 21, 1899.

SMETHPORT, PA.

Smethport, McKean county, Penn'a, is located in one of the richest agricultural districts in north-western Pennsylvania, only 97 miles from Buffalo, N. Y., and 150 miles air line—from Pittsburg, Pa.

Smethport has four lines of railroad leading direct to all the principal distributing centres, both east and west, and the great lakes.

Cheap fuel of all kinds in abundance.

In the centre of the largest and best natural gas belt in the State.

Cheap fuel for [illegible] plants.

Within six miles of large bituminous coal beds, and on a direct line of railroad, within 50 miles of the famous [illegible] bituminous coal mines in Elk county.

Endless quantities of the best glass sandstone in the world.

Mountains of stone rock suitable for brick making.

Building stone and flagging in abundance, which can be secured cheaply.

Endless quantities of hardwood lumber, such as beech, maple, birch, cherry, ash, etc.

Smethport is the county seat of McKean county, one of the richest counties in the Keystone State, contains a population at the present time of about 2,500, and is growing rapidly; has elegant public buildings, a first class graded school, city water, natural gas for fuel and lights, four first-class hotels, and the principal industries at the present time are numerous; two large window glass manufacturing plants, hemlock bark extract works, Hack's Safety Check Hook Manufacturing Co.'s plant, with a number of other industries.

Smethport has always been considered one of the healthiest towns in the State. Contagious diseases are strangers to the town. Being located 1500 feet above the sea level the town is singularly exempt from all diseases of a contagious nature. Prospect Hill, one of the most sightly spots in the state, and probably the highest elevated point in Pennsylvania, is only three miles from the business part of the town, which affords a grand view of the finest mountain scenery to be found anywhere in America.

The borough of Smethport is located at the junction of [illegible] and Marvin creek valleys, these streams furnishing an abundance of water for all purposes.

Smethport contains many admirable sites for manufacturing plants of all descriptions.

For further particulars call on or address Smethport Board of Trade, Smethport, Pa.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Hope.

CHARLES A. OLMSTEAD.

What if the sky be dark and drear?
Beyond, the sun is shining yet;
Why entertain a faithless fear,
Or this consoling thought forget?

If wintry storms around us rage
And wound us with their bitter sting,
We can their direst ills assuage
With visions of the coming spring.

Our blind and thorny pathway leads
To sunny vales [illegible] at length;
[illegible] weary feet must bleed,
[illegible] there in added strength.

If Fortune hath a blighting frown
Upon our bravest efforts cast;
We still [illegible] hope the victor's crown
Will be our sweet reward at last.

So trust what [illegible] for the best;
But [illegible]
May in our hearts a welcome guest,
Sustaining [illegible] forever, shine.

Coudersport, Pa.

—Remember the Camp Hose dance on Christmas night.

—Coudersport rejoices because its glass factory will start Dec. 30.

—Our advertising columns are a holiday goods purchasing directory.

—See new ad. of Hamlin's Hardware Store at the head of these columns.

—Last Saturday Thomas S. Barnes of Olmstedville, N. Y., celebrated his 100th natal day.

—Don't forget the Camp Hose Co.'s dance at the Smethport Hose Co.'s rooms Monday evening.

—Last Saturday's meeting of the Travelers' Club was the last until after the Christmas vacation.

—Elisha K. Kane has promised to have a passenger schedule for his new railroad by the first of the year.

—Work has been commenced on H. W. Rubin & Co.'s new building on Main street, next to Odd Fellow's block.

—Morris Hall's new Main street residence is attractive in appearance and will make a comfortable home when completed.

—H. W. Marcus of Olean has a new advertisement on the first page this week. Do not fail to read it, for it is sure to interest you.

—A secret organization in St. Louis will endeavor to raise $1,000,000, equip troops and transport them to Africa to aid the Boers.

—Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hendrickson of East Smethport are entertaining a bouncing boy who arrived at their house last Sunday night.

—B. F. Pratt bruised his left hand quite severely on Wednesday with a hammer, which necessitated his laying off for the day.

—Mr. and Mrs. James Nearing of Ormsby are purchasing paregoric for a little girl-stranger who sought a home at their residence lately.

—Work on the P., S. & N. R. R. is progressing satisfactorily. Operations have been greatly expediated since the construction train was put on.

—H. W. Rubin & Co. have a new advertisement this week which is worthy your careful perusal. They give some good advice concerning holiday gifts.

—Parents whose children coast on the sidewalks should remember that they are subjecting themselves to a fine. There is an ordinance which strictly forbids it.

—County Commissioner-elect A. M. Boardman and family are now pleasantly domiciled in the Ford residence on Church street. The MINER welcomes them to Smethport.

—Miss Bessie Hussey gave a dancing party to a large number of her friends in Wells hall on Monday evening. An elegant lunch was served and all heartily enjoyed themselves.

—The new century has everything in its favor. It starts on Monday and finishes the year on Monday. Search your almanac and figure out the year when this coincident will occur again.

—This week closes one of the pleasantest terms in the history of the Clarion State Normal School. The winter term opens January 2, 1900. For thoroughness of work done, this school is unexcelled.

—Monday morning the MINER received a long letter from Lloyd Armstrong, who is in the Naval Training School at Newport, R. I. He seems to have a location that is most pleasing and advises the boys to join.

—Miss Alice M. Badger and Mr. Augustin H. Gaffney of Bradford were married at Wellsville, N. Y., yesterday. Miss Badger, who resided in Smethport for a number of years, has the best wishes of many friends in this place.

—W. P. Beckwith, committeeman of the second district of Keating township, informs the writer that the primaries for the spring elections of said township will be held at the usual polling places on Saturday, Jan. 13, 1900, from 2 to 8 p. m.

—Earl Maynard had his hand caught in a rapidly revolving saw in the planing mill of W. R. Ventres at Port Allegany on Wednesday of last week, with the result that he lost two fingers from his left hand. Mr. Maynard's home is in Roulette.

—There is a school house standing on the line that divides Cattaraugus and Allegany counties about four miles west of Cuba station. The seats are so arranged that the boys sit in Cattaraugus and the girls in Allegany.—Olean Ledger. How pleasant for Allegany.

—In Coudersport, the county seat of Potter county, one if he is decent and properly recommended, can take forty-seven degrees in Masonry. No other town of the size in the state where so many degrees can be properly conferred.—Port Allegany Reporter.

—The amusing spectacle of seeing a man turn around under his hat was witnessed in front of the Racket store a few days ago. While walking on the slippery sidewalk said man fell so suddenly that his hat turned completely around and alighted on his head wrong end to.

—F. P. Holley, proprietor of the Riddell House, has not yet made up his mind what he will do with his hotel. The insurance on the building and contents has been arranged very satisfactorily, but he has since been trying to decide on what plans to make for the structure.—Bradford Star.

—Next Sunday, Dec. 24 Rev. Dr. Walker will preach both morning and evening on Christmas themes. There will be special music rendered by the large chorus choir. The Sunday school will hold its Christmas exercises on Saturday evening, Dec. 23, with the regulation tree.

—Smethport Hose Co. appointed M. L. Armstrong committee, who, by popular subscription, will raise $50 and present it to the Bradford firemen who so generously assisted on the 8th day of July, last, in subduing the fire in the Grand Central. This matter ought to have been attended to long ago.

—By an oversight no mention was made last week of the large advertisement of J. Colegrove which appeared on the second page. However, it is not too late to say that in his holiday announcement he does not mention one-half of the good things to be found at his store. Call on him and be convinced.

—List of letters remaining in the Smethport postoffice for the week ending Dec. 15: Mrs. Geo. Glurer, W. W. Henchey, Lew Lemon, Claude LeFever, Walter Moore, L. S. Morris, John Redmond, Ollie Wilson; foreign, Bruie Lino, Rozzie [illegible]. Persons calling for these letters please say "advertised."

—The trouble with some people in towns about the size of Wellsboro is that they will not cast their bread upon the water unless they are assured in advance that in a few days it will come back to them a full grown sandwich all trimmed in ham, butter and mustard, and rolled in a warranty deed for one-half of the earth and a mortgage on the other half.—Wellsboro Gazette.

—When Henry Clay was stumping Kentucky for reelection at one of his mass meetings, an old hunter of wide political influence said: "Well, Harry, I've always been for you, but because of that vote [which he named] I'm goin' agin you." "Let me see your rifle," said Clay. It was handed up to him. "Is she a good rifle?" "Yes." "Did she ever miss fire?" "Well, yes, once." "Why didn't you throw her away?" The old hunter thought a moment and then said, "Harry, I'll try you agin." And Harry was elected.—Geo. T. Angell in Dumb Animals.

—Special rates will be given on the B., B. & K. R'y to those wishing to attend the boxing carnival at Bradford to-night. The fare will be $1.00, round trip, from Smethport. Frank Erne, the well-known Buffalo lightweight will positively be in attendance, and will spar six rounds with his partner. The main bout will be a 20-round go between Burns and Bezenah. The contests are under the management of the Central Hose Co., which is a guarantee that they will be on the square. Special train will leave for Smethport and Kane thirty minutes after the contests are over.

—Chief of Police Johnson of Jamestown arrived at Mayville, Chautauqua county, on Saturday evening with Alva M. Kent, the young Jamestown man, who raised several thousand dollars on fraudulent paper and eloped with Marjory Vinton, who was captured in Japan. Kent is now in jail awaiting trial.

—An exchange says that merchants who want newspaper men to roast grocery peddlers cheap John stores and the like; would make newspaper men feel more like doing so if they would quit using free letterheads of soap firms and wholesale gargling oil envelopes, baking powder statements, sidewalk advertisements and rubber stamps, and patronize home printing offices.

—Yesterday at 10:30 a. m., Sheriff J. F. Davis, with T. F. Hungiville as deputy, started for Pittsburg with Ed. Murray, who will have a residence at Allegany for six years and six months, without taxation; E. A. Ware, who will occupy the same position without representation for two years and eight months, and James Jones, who will have an experience like the above named gentlemen for three years.

—About 4:30 last Saturday afternoon Frank Colosimo, an Italian, was robbed of about $90 in money. He had been at the camp below the dugway, and while returning to town, somewhat under the influence of liquor, he met a couple of fellows who gave him some more liquor and then, it seems, one of them hit him on the jaw and took his money. He cannot give any description of the parties who robbed him.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Coles are to give a dinner at the Coles Hotel Christmas day, at 1 o'clock p. m., to about one hundred poor children of the village, who would not taste turkey but for their generosity. This is a very praiseworthy act and is remembering Christmastide in its true spirit. The impecunious local small boy or girl, reinforced by one of the famous Coles House turkey dinners, will be about the happiest mortal on earth Christmas day.—Wellsboro Advocate.

—Mrs. Rose Skiff died in the Backus building on Tuesday, the 19th inst, after an illness of one week, of pneumonia, aged 39 years, 5 months and 19 days. Mrs. Skiff was a resident of Bradford and came here with her husband, who is a carpenter, some time ago. She leaves beside her husband one son and two daughters. She was a devoted wife and a kind and loving mother. The funeral services were held at the house, Rev. D. T. Walker officiating. Interment was made at Bradford.

—A number of Smethport's athletically inclined citizens are making determined efforts to organize an athletic club in this place. At present the outlook for the establishment of the same is bright. It is the object of the promoters to secure suitable quarters and the services of an experienced athletic instructor. It is "up to" you to lend your assistance by becoming a member. The advantages of such an institution are too well known to need any exploiting here. The club will hold a meeting at the hose house to-morrow night, Dec. 22. Officers will be elected and business of the greatest importance transacted. Don't let an excellent organization of this kind die for want of proper support.

—The Keystone Sunday school workers outnumber those of every other State. They are a mighty host in nearly 10,000 schools, with 160,000 teachers and officers and 1,360,000 members. At the recent state convention in Reading the reports from every county showed large gains during the year in every movement, arousing great enthusiasm and leading to enlarged plans for the future. Some states, like Illinois, still lead in certain departments, but in these the splendid gains of Pennsylvania workers are most significant. Better still, nothing was done for mere rivalry, but to increase the Sunday school population all over the State from 23 per cent., the average, to 50 per cent., as it is in several counties.

—At St. Luke's church on next Sunday evening the two choirs will be combined for the Christmas Eve service. The junior choir will sing a selection of carols before the short address to the children. On Christmas day there will be two celebrations of the Holy Eucharist at 8 a. m. and 10:30 a. m., when Tour's complete service in F will be sung, with the anthem "Sing, O Heavens," by Alfred R. Gaul. At 6 p. m. supper and a Christmas tree with gifts will await all the children of the parish at the hose house on Water street. At All Saints' chapel, East Smethport, there will be a large Christmas tree and numerous gifts at 4 p. m. Great preparations have been made in both these Sunday schools for the children's Christmas festival.

—Last Tuesday evening at about 3:30 o'clock the fire alarm, which our citizens have so justly learned to dread, called the hose boys out to a fire in a barn belonging to Warley Gifford on Green street, west of Byron. The building was doomed, and the firemen set to work in an effort to save the barns of Clarence M. and Mrs. E. H. Colegrove, situate on the east and west of the burning structure, respectively. In this they were successful despite the facts that Mr. Colegrove's barn was scarcely five feet from the burning one and that they were seriously handicapped by a low pressure of water. The firemen certainly did great work in saving these buildings. Mr. Gifford's barn was totally destroyed—loss, $300; insurance, $200. Z. D. Gifford, who had charge of the property, stated that at a little after 3 o'clock that afternoon he was in the barn but had not been near the place after that time. It is evident that some tramp or a fire-bug entered the building and started the fire.

Holiday Excursion Rates.

In accordance with an old established custom the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg Ry. will, this year, issue excursion tickets between all stations on its line, account Christmas and New Year's holidays, at a fare and one-third for the round trip. Tickets will be sold and good going on Dec. 23, 24, 25, 30 and 31, 1899, and Jan. 1, 1900, limited for return passage until Jan. 2, 1900.

W. N. Y. & P. Ry. Holiday Rates.

For the convenience of the traveling public excursion rates will be made to points on W. N. Y. & P. Ry. Tickets sold Dec. 23, 24, 25, 30 and 31, 1899, and Jan. 1, 1900; good for return passage to Jan. 2, 1900, inclusive. Call on agents for particulars.

Dr. Burg Chadwick wishes to call your attention to his fine line of pictures, toilet articles, the finest perfumes in the market, combs and brushes, tobaccos and cigars and everything of first quality in the drug line. Vases to suit the most fastidious. Call early and avoid the rush.

Mr J. Sheer, Sedalia, Mo., saved his child's life by One Minute Cough Cure. Doctors had given her up to die with croup. It's an infallible cure for coughs, colds, grippe, pneumonia, bronchitis and throat and lung troubles. Relieves at once. L. K. Hogarth & Co.

HAMMAR PAINT and pure linseed oil is what you want. Holmes & Gilfillan.

K. T. Daly calls attention to his fine line of cutters. Do not fail to call on him. s.f.

Gleason's photo buttons are the rage. Call at the gallery.

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In a letter recently received from Claud LeFever, dated Honolulu, he reports himself well and happy and on his way to fight the wily Filipino. Among other things Claud promises to send Aguinaldo's scalp to Smethport in the near future. Claud is a member of the 46th Reg't U. S. V. Infty. band. Here's luck to him and a safe return.

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New Year's resolutions will soon be in order. One for everyone to make is to settle promptly all bills due the long-suffering country editor.

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The Machias Star has ceased to twinkle under Joe Gilbert's management. Joe's political duties occupy so much of his time that he has sold his newspaper and will winter at Albany, N. Y.

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Chas. Olmstead, now of Coudersport, has a poem in to-day's MINER. Charles is rapidly catching on in the poetical line. Some of his recent efforts published in the Buffalo Evening News are real gems.

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The Odin correspondent to the Potter Democrat in a recent letter tells of a mean man who stole two pairs of woolen socks from a minister, and hints darkly that a man capable of such a crime will receive dire punishment in the hereafter. We agree with the correspondent and it is safe to wager that he will not feel the need of woolen socks while receiving the aforesaid punishment.

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Can it be possible that it was the Hawkins Hollow war correspondent "his own self," who was slapping himself on the back in last week's Grit?

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A young lady recently lost her watch and wisely advertised the fact in the MINER. After reading the advertisement she went out and found the watch herself. Great is the power of the press.

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Elisha K. Kane crossed the Pittsburg, Shawmut & Northern R. R. tracks in this borough recently. The expected railroad war did not occur. The P. S. & N. people say they had just as soon Mr. Kane would cross their tracks as any other man if he keeps out of the way of the cars. If the foregoing is too dense diagrams will be furnished on application.

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A. E. Stickles, our racket man, should have a kick coming. His quaint style of advertising is being plagiarized to a certain extent by another McKean county racket man.

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The Random Notes man in the Bradford Era is responsible for the following: "In court yesterday at Smethport, an Italian was an applicant for naturalization papers. Judge Morrison asked him a few questions. 'Who makes our laws?' asked the court. 'Judge maka de law,' replied the alien. 'Indeed,' said the Judge, while the lawyers within hearing distance smiled softly, but knowingly. 'Do the judges make good laws?' quired His Honor. 'Now him makit putty bad' was the Italian's answer. He was not given his papers."

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Olean had a mystery last Saturday. A man attempted to commit suicide without announcing his name. Medical assistance arrived and induced him not to quit this mundane sphere, but to remain quietly in the hospital. Olean will lose none of her population without a struggle.

Washington.

At the prayer meeting service of the Methodist Episcopal church last Thursday evening, Dec. 14, the pastor, Rev. Dr. Walker, introduced a special service, celebrating the centennial anniversary of the death of the father of our country. He read a vivid and deeply interesting description of the sickness and death of the hero and statesman, as given by Lossing.

Special addresses were made by the pastor and Prof. W. P. Eckels. The professor held up Washington as a model for young men. That an optimistic view of life was the best. That we had much to inspire the noblest and wisest conduct. Dr. Walker read the following beautiful sentiments from Dr. Sawyer's editorial in the Northern Christian Advocate:

"The character of Washington is sufficiently ample to be a national ideal to the end of time. The weird and wonderful greatness of Lincoln has not diminished admiration for the character of Washington. The greatness of Grant cannot diminish the military fame of him, who, with a handful of men, wore out the military resources of the mother country and compelled the surrender of Cornwallis.

"In the greatest element of his character is a model for the many, not merely for the few who have extraordinary gifts. His purity, usefulness, fortitude, persistence, patience, vigilance, justice, courage, prudence, strength of will, moral self-control, religious faith, are all evergreen virtues to which all may aspire. His patriotism is the model for every American."

Special reference was made by the pastor to the religious faith of Washington. A man of prayer, a member of the church of Christ. His last words gave expression to his submission and sublime trust, "'Tis well." The entire service was tender and impressive.

The Inquirer Almanac.

The Philadelphia Inquirer Almanac for 1900 is at hand and fully maintains the high reputation of former Inquirer year books.

It is quite impossible to enumerate the many subjects treated and the wonder is that so much timely information could have been condensed within its one hundred and thirty-two pages. It is a carefully edited, concise and comprehensive volume of knowledge of Pennsylvania and surrounding states on topics educational, historical, political, statistical, official, agricultural and miscellaneous; a reliable handbook that tells you just what you want to know just when you want to know it.

Inquirer readers are to be congratulated on their New Year's gift, for the Almanac is to be presented free to every subscriber.

Have you decided where you will purchase your Christmas presents? If not, remember that in buying Holiday Goods you should purchase those that are useful and that will be of use during the coming winter, and before buying call and see what Brownell Bros. have in the line of Ladies', Misses' and Children's shoes and slippers, fascinators, caps, towels, spreads, handkerchiefs, gloves, mittens, toques, &c. Do not forget that for Groceries that are new and fresh we are headquarters, and that prices are right and goods as represented. Give us a call.

For Hoarseness.

Benj. Ingerson of Hutton, Ind., says he had not spoken above a whisper for months, and one bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar restored his voice. It is used very largely by speakers and singers. L. K. Hogarth & Co.

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LIGHT UP—but go to Holmes & Gilfillan's for your lights, mantles and globes. Best and cheapest.

WANTED—At the Grand Central, Smethport, Pa., a girl who can do laundry or dining room work.

PERSONAL MENTION.

[illegible]

Miss Lydia Burlingame of [illegible] was in town Wednesday.

W. O. Hamlin of New York city arrived in town last Saturday.

W. E. Butts of Clermont transacted business in town last Saturday.

Ross Knapp left for Williamsport on a business mission last night.

N. N. Metcalf of Austin was a business visitor in town last Saturday.

W. T. Seger went to Emporium Tuesday to attend the funeral of his cousin.

J. H. Tate of Clermont and F. C. Olds of Newell were in town Wednesday.

H. A. Boyd and W. P. Mulhern of Clermont were pleasant visitors in town yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Olmstead of Newark, Ohio, are guests of Dr. and Mrs. H. L. McCoy.

Miss Edna Walker of New City was the guest of Miss Edna Church the forepart of the week.

O. H. Barker departed last Tuesday for Cuba where he expects to make developments for petroleum.

Misses Maud Davis, Rena Gallup and Lucy Mitchell arrived home this morning from Chambersburg.

A. W. Mitchell arrived home from Carlisle Monday and will spend the Christmas vacation in town.

F. G. Lindholm arrived home from Buffalo last night. It is hoped that he will speedily recover from his recent injury.

Col. R. K. Morrison of Mineral Point, O., is in town to-day with a party of friends looking the ground over with a view of erecting another glass plant.

Mrs. B. D. Christley and Miss Bessie Scanlan of Colegrove were callers at this office yesterday. Mrs. Christley leaves to-day for Sistersville, W. Va., where her husband is employed.

On Tuesday F. F. Reggall received a telegram announcing the serious illness of his father who resides at Preble, Cortland county, N. Y. Mr. Reggall left on the afternoon train for that place.

The Methodist parsonage is full of joy this week over the home coming of the children of Dr. and Mrs. Walker: Dr. and Mrs. John Dudds Flagg of Buffalo, William H. Walker of New York, Edward H. Walker of Pittsburg and Alanson Burton Walker of the University of Rochester.

Walter K. Swetland of Coudersport was a most welcome caller at this office last Friday. He contemplates coming out as a candidate to represent Potter county in the legislature. Should he enter the race there would be no question as to his nomination and election. Mr. Swetland would be a credit to Potter county.

WASHINGTON.

Special Low-Rate Excursions via Pennsylvania Railroad.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company announces that on December 28, February 21, March 15, and April 7 it will run special excursions from points on the Philadelphia and Erie railroad, Erie to Lock Haven, inclusive, to Washington, for the benefit of all who may wish to visit the national capital. Round-trip tickets, good going on all regular trains on day of issue, and good returning on any regular train within ten days, exclusive of going date, will be sold at rate of $10 from Erie, St. Marys and intermediate points; $8.95 from Driftwood; $8.15 from Renovo; $7.30 from Lock Haven; and proportionate rates from other points.

Holders of special excursion tickets to Washington can purchase, at the Pennsylvania railroad ticket offices in Washington, excursion tickets to Richmond at rate of $4.00 and to Old Point Comfort (all rail) at $6.00; from the pursers of the Norfolk and Washington steamboat company, excursion tickets (not including meals and staterooms on steamers) to Old Point Comfort or Norfolk, Va., at $3.50 and to Virginia Beach, Princess Anne Hotel, at $4.50; and at the offices of the Washington, Alexandria and Mt. Vernon electric railway company, excursion tickets to Mt. Vernon and return at rate of 50 cents.

For full information consult small handbills, apply to ticket agents, or address E. S. Harrar, Division Ticket Agent, Williamsport, Pa.

STATE LINE MILLS.

Dr. Dibble of this place was called to Alma one day last week.

M. J. Skiver has returned from Cuba where he was called by the illness of his sister, Miss Ella Skiver.

The New York and Coney Island Concert Co. gave an entertainment at this place last Friday night.

The Home Oil Company acts as if its nose was broken as the Bradford Company has came here and is about to put a well down on the farm of W. H. Grantier. There are two loads of lumber on the ground at this writing and we guess it is no bluff. Mr. Grantier is to furnish gas to do the drilling.

According to all accounts State Line will soon be a prize fighting town.

Photo buttons 25c up at "Ike" Gleason's.

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My stock includes

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We are ready as never before to supply your Holiday wants. Ready with the best store, the best service, and the best values Olean has ever known. Don't fail to bring the children to see the wonders of "Toy-Land" in our Basement, and don't fail to do your buying early.

BEGIN AT ONCE.

OUR DOLLS.

You should buy dolls early if you want the pretty faces. Erly importations warrant us in saying that our prices are much lower than found elsewhere.

OUR STORE

IS BEGINNING TO PUT ON HOLIDAY AIRS.

We wish we could explain in detail the thousands of useful articles we are showing, but why not come to us and see for yourselves, what it is that makes so many homes so happy at the joyous Christmas time.

The Furniture Department

has so many useful presents.

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has Smoking Jackets, Dressing Sacques, pretty Shirt Waists, etc., etc.

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will be very interesting.

All departments will add to the general attractiveness.

Bell Brothers,
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Having purchesed our pictures direct and buying the quantity we received them at jobbers prices. Call and price them.

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We have added a line of sterling and plated ware this fall and can quote prices as cheap as you can buy in the cities.

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Pocket books, prayer books, Hymnals, Bibles, Traveling Sets, etc.

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A beautiful line.

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At Christmas Play and Make Good Cheer,
For Christmas Comes but Once a Year.

If there is ever a time when one wants the right kind of goods it certainly is at Christmas time. When selecting articles suitable for presents,

A Good Suit of Clothes

Is not only a desirable present but also a sensible and profitable one, when you consider our goods and prices. At the prices we are now quoting on the best class of goods you can afford to give yourself a present, make a good investment and save some money at the same time. You can get Heavy Weight Cheviots, Heavy Black Clay Worsted at $8.00 and $10.00. The new choice weaves and stripes at $10.00 and $12.00.

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UNDERTAKING IN ALL ITS BRANCHES.

OYSTERS

The Best at Brasted's

[illegible] ENEMY

Once in my [illegible] I judged a man
With eyes austere I looked him through.
I said, "Here failed he—" span by span
I measured all his faults anew [illegible]

And thenceforth marked [illegible] need
The manner of his life [illegible]
To find therein each [illegible] I feed
[illegible] my just heart [illegible] not relent.

I [illegible] his [illegible] as motive weighed,
That yet as [illegible] I feared,
To turn some I might have crushed I stayed
My hand—they were so humbly reared.

And, keeping watch with doubtful eyes
On all his actions, I began
To mark with [illegible] surprise
How very human was the man.

Till, by a casual [illegible] wind blown,
Came word of striking acts of his—
[illegible] common things in which was shown
His touch with common charity [illegible]

Then, seeing how much I had denied
Who loved the name of [illegible]
I bowed my head with shame and cried,
Forgive me, O [illegible] enemy
—W. G. Rose in Spectator

The Charge of the Dead

A Gruesome Story of War

Copyright [illegible] by [illegible]

Night fell, leaving the battle [illegible] undecided and the Russian army in a critical position. General Prince Roukbine, who commanded the left wing, feeling himself [illegible] by the enemy, gave the order to [illegible] to a few Cossacks that were left [illegible]

That order meant [illegible] less than **to dislodge** 2,000 Turks strongly established **in the village** of Karkow with **batteries of artillery.** It was necessary **that the Russians** should drive them **from there** if they did not wish to find **themselves surrounded** [illegible] forward **march on Plevna** [illegible]

The charge was a difficult one. The **soldiers who** occupied Karkow were all **members of the** special guard of the [illegible], big devils of men [illegible] who were astonished at nothing, afraid of nothing and [illegible] to have an enemy on the ground [illegible] on his back with the [illegible] to the red crescent of [illegible]

Prince Roukbine knew all this, and when **he decided** to send against them his **500 Cossacks** all that were left of his **famous regiment** [illegible] that he was sending [illegible] to their **death.**

He caused their captain [illegible] a **handsome** man with [illegible] **whose name** was [illegible] **who was not** more than [illegible]

[illegible] he said [illegible] "You will have the honor [illegible] Your will send your horses at full [illegible] the village of Karkow, where the enemy's infantry is stationed. The entrance will be made and our army will be saved. But you will fight in the proportion of one against four, and it is for the most of you certain death. If Karkow is retaken and the passage is free you will ring the church bell. If no sound is heard it will mean that the Russian army must succumb because not one of you is living."

The captain slowly lowered his saber as he said, "The bell will ring."

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The balls were raining around the **Cossacks,** whose horses were erect on their haunches with frothing mouths.

Captain Frithiof raised his arm. A **savage clamor** resounded and the [illegible] mass of cavalry advanced at full **gallop across** the ravine of Karkow. **According** to the captain's order they **immediately** had ceased their rough **cries,** and one could hear nothing but the dull and formidable sound of the **galloping horses.**

The soldiers of the Turkish guard **saw this storm** approaching and awaited it with tense muscles. The shock **was frightful.** Each blow of a saber **cut off a head,** each shot laid a man **low,** and there were streams of blood **along the gutters.** But the Cossacks **were cut to pieces.**

Feeling nevertheless that his troops **were shaken,** the Turkish general evacuated the village. Then confident in his superior forces, he gave them a position a mile from the town near an abandoned farm. Karkow was taken but the entrance was not yet [illegible]

Captain Frithiof trembled with rage. "The army can be saved by you," had said General Prince Roukbine.

Cost what it may this will charge which had caused the enemy to retreat must be continued. But how since the squadron was reduced to a few cavalrymen?

The captain assembled his Cossacks on the grand square of Karkow and counted them.

There were hardly 60. More than 400 corpses were stretched on the streets, side by side with the dead Turks.

The riderless horses went about in docile troops. Few among them had been touched, for the balls well directed, had hit the men full in the chest.

Night came on. The pink rays of the setting sun softly illuminated the horrible spectacle.

Captain Frithiof remained silent, somber. Suddenly a thought crossed his brain, a fantastic thought. He passed his hand across his brow as if he wished to chase away some nightmare. His eyes had a singular light in them as he murmured: "We will continue the charge."

Turning toward his men he called: "You will go and pick up all the dead who fell in the village and catch all the horses that are loose. Then you will replace the dead men in the saddles and stoutly tie them on the horses with the straps on the lances."

A shiver ran through the ranks.

"Do it," repeated the officer coldly.

The Cossacks obeyed. It was an easy matter to bring back the horses, which were grouped together from habit, and with a vigorous hand the living soldiers raised the bloody bodies of their dead comrades to straighten them in their stirrups.

"To horse," [illegible] cried Captain Frithiof, once having seen his squadron reformed a squadron of soldiers who were no longer alive. The living Cossacks, their hands red with blood, came again to take their places at the head of the ranks.

"We are going to charge again," said the captain. "Let us start ahead. Their horses will follow ours."

On the slanting road which descended from Karkow toward the farm where the enemy was halted fighting began again.

The Turks, who had seen the greater part of the Russian soldiers fall under their blows, believed themselves safe now, and they were strangely surprised when they heard again the noise of the approaching cavalry.

At the cry of alarm from the sentinel they formed in line of battle and fired on the whole line.

Forty Cossacks rolled on the earth. It was those of the first ranks—those that were alive. The others continued to charge.

The Turkish soldiers gazed with frightened eyes. Where could this squadron come from? Who were these demons who received the balls without moving, bent low over their saddles, without a word, without a cry?

One could not distinguish the number of horses, and one could believe it was all the Russian cavalry, a whole army of phantoms. The first rank of infantry gave way, the others were not long in retreating, and, fearing all at once, the whole Turkish army abandoned their arms and fled.

The position was taken, and the passage became free at last.

Captain Frithiof saw that his squadron was there, in its accustomed order. The horses were so docile that they had all stopped behind him when he had shouted "Halt!" They remained immovable now, heads low and covered with foam.

A few moments after the village bell rang loud and long.

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Victory now was possible, even certain.

General Prince Roukbine on hearing the bell uncovered his head, understanding that his faithful Cossacks had sacrificed themselves to save the rest of the army. With his staff major he went at full gallop toward Karkow, but his joy of vanquishing was mixed with pain.

He arrived at the grand square of the village. What was his surprise to perceive, arranged as for parade, the black line of the squadron! They were certainly 500 cavaliers, Captain Sergei Frithiof at their head.

Night had a moon, but it was one of those admirable moonlight nights which give to objects strange aspects. Captain Frithiof advanced.

"Karkow is free," said he, saluting. "You were able then to charge again."

"Twice. It was necessary to drive the enemy from a farm where they had [illegible] themselves."

"And how many men were killed, captain?"

"All my men. Our brave Cossacks were heroes even after death."

Prince Roukbine approached and saw, bending on the necks of the horses, lighted by the white light of the moon, the dead men who balanced themselves with the movement of the chargers.—New York Press

BILLS OVER A CENTURY OLD

They Show Tea to Have Been a Cambridge Student's Favorite Drink

[illegible] bills [illegible] for [illegible] at Cambridge [illegible] The bill contains [illegible] or two items of furniture. Apparently the undergraduate took over rooms already furnished [illegible] [illegible] what this means, but [illegible]

[illegible] Nov [illegible] shillings [illegible] 31 shillings or $2.75 [illegible] 25 shillings [illegible] that he [illegible] through [illegible] the term [illegible] took for breakfast a slight repast of weak tea [illegible] and butter. Dinner was [illegible] served at 12, so that breakfast was only what the Indians call a [illegible] On sugar he spent 4 shillings, which [illegible] six pounds at [illegible] pound. On candles he spent [illegible] or about 3 shillings a week. He burned wax candles [illegible] and "wax twist." Salt was a shilling a pocket. On two occasions [illegible] Was then the [illegible] It would [illegible]—St. Louis Republic

SOME COVETED SCRAWLS

Rare Autographs For Which Immense Prices Have Been Paid

The most prized autographs in the world are those of Shakespeare. On [illegible] exist three signatures to his will, each with a different spelling [illegible] conveyance of property [illegible] of his plays [illegible] translation of Montaigne. This last is in the British museum and cost over [illegible]

[illegible] was the price given by the late Mr. Alfred Morrison [illegible] for an autograph letter written by Marie Stuart [illegible] to the [illegible] Bernard [illegible] autograph [illegible] to have [illegible] 120 [illegible] autograph of Shakespeare [illegible] to him with [illegible] It was a safe bluff for [illegible] tragic fate of Chatterton [illegible] to tackle the [illegible] scrawl of the Bard of Avon.—Collier's Weekly

Jimmy and the Baby

Jimmy's [illegible] cows and sold milk. Jimmy had [illegible] had nothing to do with the cows, though sometimes he used to carry the milk pail to his father's customers. [illegible] all his [illegible] with his round [illegible] and [illegible] and they used to ask him how business was [illegible] although Jimmy was only 13 years old he had a business. He made coffins, baby coffins, and sold them to the undertaker. They were nice pine coffins, with all the [illegible] carefully joined. Jimmy received 50 cents for each one.

One day Jimmy stopped at the house of one of his father's customers to leave some milk. A little boy met him at the door.

"We've got a new baby," said the little boy. "Would you like to see it?"

Jimmy nodded. The little boy [illegible] laughingly led Jimmy to the crib where the new baby was. Jimmy gazed at the infant for some time speechless with admiration or some such emotion.

"What do you think of it, Jimmy?" asked the aunt.

Jimmy grinned.

"I guess I'll have to make a nice little coffin when I go home," he said.—New York Commercial Advertiser

Boers Great Pioneers.

The Boer is the ideal pioneer. From the days of the great trek in 1837 and even before that he opened up countries hitherto unexplored by a white man. A great deal of fuss has been made of mighty travelers, English and foreign, who have traversed Africa [illegible] the vast [illegible] benefit of their publishers and with no small meed of fame to themselves, but there was scarcely one of the old voortrekkers and hunters of the forties and fifties who did not accomplish feats of endurance, pluck and lengthy travel which were ten times as trying.—London Mail

Successive Waves

The following waif is going the rounds of the state press. We are told of a young lady in a neighboring town who waved her hand at a stranger and in three days they were married. Two days later the young lady waved a flatiron at her husband, and the next evening he came home waving a divorce.—Nashville Banner

The Business For Him.

Little Charles—Sister told mamma yesterday you was born to be a politician.

Mr. Skimpley—A politician? I wonder why she thinks so.

Little Charles—She says you can do so much talkin without committin yourself.—Chicago Times-Herald

People who suffer from heat in the hands and feet can obtain speedy and easy relief from the same by putting inside their stockings and gloves a small portion of very fine oatmeal.

AFRICAN CANNIBALS

HORRIBLE PRACTICES OF THE MAN EATERS OF THE KONGO

The Victims Led From Place to Place, So That Prospective Purchasers May Mark Portions They Desire When the Killing Occurs.

Of the numerous instances that might be recorded in illustration of the organized traffic in human beings which exists reference may be made to the conditions which hold in the district through which the Lulunga river passes. This river, which constitutes a considerable affluent of the Kongo, empties into the latter river on the south bank at a point some 800 miles from the Atlantic coast. Within a short distance of the confluence is to be found a series of strongly fortified villages representing the headquarters of the Nkombi, wherein numbers of slaves are imprisoned pending the periodical visits of traders from the Ubangi country, which [illegible] situated on the opposite side of the Kongo.

A visit to one of these slave depots at the mouth of the Lulunga river reveals a condition of savagery and suffering beyond all ordinary powers of description. At the period to which these remarks have reference it was no uncommon experience to witness at one time upward of a hundred captives of both sexes and of all ages, including infants in their wretched mothers' arms, lying in groups, masses of utterly forlorn humanity, with eyes downcast in a stony stare, with bodies attenuated by starvation and with skin of that dull gray hue which among colored races is always indicative of physical distress.

In cases when a suspicion existed of an individual captive's intention or ability to escape, such unfortunate creature was doomed to be hobbled with one foot forced through a hole cut in the section of a log, while a spear [illegible] was driven into the wood close beside the limb, rendering it impossible to move except at the expense of laceration. Other means to insure the prisoner's safe custody consisted in binding both hands above the head to the king post of a hut or in binding the arms and plaiting the hair into a braid which was made fast to a beam overhead.

At intervals these villages were visited by the Ubangi, who came in large dugout war canoes, and the process of barter commenced, elephant tusks being the medium of currency used in the purchase of the slaves. Upon the conclusion of this unnatural transaction the visitors retired, taking with them as many of the individuals as had been transferred to their possession in the tedious process of bargaining.

Upon reaching their destination the captives were in most cases subjected to many further ordeals, being exchanged into other hands until eventually, after having been deliberately fattened, they met their tragic fate and their bodies were consumed.

There is a prevalent belief among many of the riverine tribes of the upper Kongo that the flavor of human flesh is improved by submerging the prospective victim up to the neck in the water for two or three days previous to the sacrifice. Indeed upon two separate occasions it was my privilege to release several poor creatures who were bound hand and foot to stakes in the river.

In certain native market places, notably in the vicinity of the Ubangi, it is an ordinary occurrence for captives to be exposed for sale, in most cases with the sinister fate in view of being killed and eaten. Proportionately a greater number of men than women fall victims to cannibalism, the reason being that women who are still young are esteemed as being of greater value by reason of their utility in growing and cooking food. This rule does not, however, hold good throughout, for in the vicinity of the Aruimi river our observations revealed a contrary order of custom.

Probably the most inhuman practice of all is to be met with among the tribes who deliberately hawk the victim piecemeal while still alive. Incredible as it may appear, the fact remains justified by an only too abundant proof. Captives are led from place to place in order that individuals may have the opportunity of indicating by external marks upon the body the portion they desire to secure. The distinguishing marks are generally made by means of colored clay or strips of grass tied in a particular fashion.

The astonishing stoicism of the victim who thus witnesses the bargaining for his limbs is only equaled by the callousness with which he walks forward to meet his fate. In explanation of the extraordinary indifference thus displayed it can only be assumed that death is robbed of all terror, life under conditions of slavery offering so little attraction.—Herbert Ward in Cassell's Magazine

Not Disputing It

"Anybody who knows enough," said Mr. Spiffins, "can learn something from anybody else, however ignorant the latter may be."

"That is true," assented Mrs. Spiffins cheerfully. "Now I can occasionally learn something from you."—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph

Unfathomable Mystery

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[illegible] through
And [illegible] ball
While roaming [illegible] down the dell.

I see her through the pasture bars
Eat all the pretty [illegible]
Then [illegible] high
To watch the clouds that dot the sky.

When night makes all the meadow black,
[illegible] back
[illegible]
[illegible] the hill.

—R. K. Munkittrick in Woman's Home Companion.

THOSE BOER LADIES.

By Middle Life They Are Almost Too Fat to Walk

The Boer woman is very little like the trim, handsome Dutchwoman of her ancestral Holland. She is seldom pretty. Her complexion is her principal charm, and she guards this carefully whenever she goes out. She is never seen outdoors without a great peaked bonnet on her head, her visits to church being made behind an almost oriental seclusion of veils. This is necessary to preserve the pink and white of her skin, for the climate would otherwise soon turn it to the color of sole leather. Her eyes are small and set close together, and her features are irregular. Her cheeks are broad and flat, and her hair is naturally light in color, although time and weather soon bleach it from its early straw color. At a very early age she loses all her teeth, for she is constantly chewing sweet cakes and confections.

A European woman would replace the molars that nature has deprived her of with well mounted works of art, but the Boer woman does not do this. She thinks it would be impious thus to try to duplicate the work of the Creator. Her figure is thick and almost waistless. While still a young woman she begins to grow fat, and by the time middle life is reached she is often so unwieldy that the only exercise she is able to take is to waddle cumbrously from one armchair to another. She is clad in a loose, scantily made gown, devoid of trimming and apparently waistless. The day garments of the Boers are also their night clothes, so the gown is generally wrinkled.—Charleston News and Courier.

Samoa's Talking Man.

Samoa's talking man, or tulafale, is a character. All the affairs of state of the village in which he holds office are carried upon his shoulders. In ordinary he is the chief adviser, persuader, convincer and restrainer of the leading chiefs.

Having the gift of eloquence, he makes the most of it. He enjoys immunity from many things. He cannot be spoken of in ordinary terms. If it should be necessary to speak of his eyes or his mouth or his limbs, special honorable words must be used, words which attach to him alone and have never been applied to the personal parts of ordinary men.

As he stands to deliver his soft persuasive melodious oratory, with staff of office in his hand and his fly duster thrown over his shoulder, any one can see that he is a man of great importance, or if this is not apparent from his attitude it may be gathered from the attention paid to his utterances by gray haired chiefs and by youths and maidens. If the talking man is a clever fellow and understands his business, he is the chief ruling power in his tribe, although the nominal headship is always vested in a chief or patriarchal figurehead.

Slow Suicide

A source of great evil among all workers is the widespread habit of eating a hearty meal hurriedly when the body is in a state of exhaustion. Too often also the evil is enhanced by the fact that the food is innutritious, badly cooked and clogging in itself. This is one species of slow suicide, causing a long train of evils which are usually attributed to overwork. Now it were better to go without food than to take it under these conditions. Your dog knows better than to eat when he is tired, and if you will watch him you will notice that he is always reluctant to be enticed into play after eating. Left to himself he will take a nap or at least drop care for a while and rest. Humanity might raise its standards of health by following the example set by the instincts of the brute creatures.—Health Culture.

A Fire In Japan

A fire in Japan is exciting. The Japanese seem to lose their heads completely in the presence of the fire demon. The people move from the houses where the fire broke out into the next, then to another, and so on until the fire is over, the united families moving from house to house with great nonchalance. A man putting on his roof with a paper fire god is supposed to avert the danger, and no man is more surprised than he when in spite of the fire god the house ignites and in a moment roof and man fall together. In three days the houses are rebuilt and all traces of fire removed.

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Lord Lansdowne Visits Turner

No one was admitted to Turner's house in Queen Anne street unless specially invited. There was a sort of little iron grill in the center of the front door, through which the old housekeeper used to look and see who was there. As an example of the rarity of visitors, the late Lord Lansdowne, who was a great lover of art and a friend of Turner's, told me that after receiving no answers to his letters he resolved to [illegible] him in his den. He therefore went and knocked at the door, when a shock head appeared at the iron grating, and its owner called out, "Cat's meat, I suppose."

"Yes, cat's meat," answered his lordship, and he [illegible] himself in.—Millais' Life of Turner."

An Exchange of Compliments.

The late Judge Charles P. Daly of New York was a charming conversationalist as well as a model citizen and an accomplished jurist. He met the Duke of Wellington some 50 years ago, and the duke remarked to him that he seemed too young to be on the bench.

"I owe my position," replied Judge Daly, "to one of those accidents of fortune to which your grace owes so little."

"I reciprocate," said the duke grandly. "You are doubtless where you belong."

The Aged Minister

If his work be in a city church it is a grave question whether any minister can now discharge it with efficiency, who is much over 60 years of age. The multitude of details in a city parish, the excitement of the life, the severe demand upon the mind and the heavy burden of responsibility call for a man in the prime of life, with an alert intellect and an unfailing body.—Ian Maclaren in Ladies' Home Journal.

Took Their Places

Here is a story which Baron Dowse, the celebrated Irish judge, used to tell in that exaggerated brogue which he loved to employ:

"I was down in Cork holding assizes on the first day, when the jury came in, the officer of the court said, 'Gintlemen av the jury, ye'll take yer accustomed places, if ye plaze.' And, to my [illegible] never laugh," said the baron, "if they didn't all walk into the dock."

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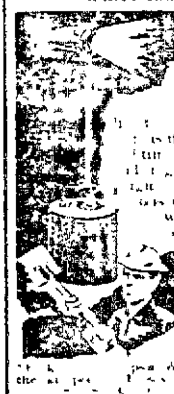

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- 10.15 A. M.—Daily except Sunday for Ormsby Junction, Simpson, Bradford, Mt. Jewett and Kane.
- 1.30 P. M.—Express daily except Sunday, for Ormsby Junction, Simpson, Davis, Aiken, Kirans Junction and Bradford, connecting with B. R. & P. for Buffalo and Rochester arriving at Buffalo at 5.35 p. m. and Rochester at 6.30 p. m.—and Mt. Jewett and Kane connecting at Kane with P. & E. R. R. for Sheffield, Tiona, Warren, Corry, Union City and Erie.
- 3.15 P. M.—Mail and Express daily for Ormsby Junction, Mount Jewett and Kane, connecting at Kane with P. & E. train 4 for Warren, [illegible] Emporium, Harrisburg, Baltimore, Washington and Philadelphia—and daily except Sunday for Simpson, Davis, Aikin, Kirans Junction and Bradford; connecting at Bradford with train 10 Erie R. R. for Salamanca, Olean, Hornellsville, Elmira and New York.

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COUDERSPORT & PORT ALLEGANY Railroad Time Table, taken effect Monday [illegible] 24, 1899

EAST'W'D				STATIONS		WEST'W'D	
A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	Ar.	Dp.	A. M.	P. M.	A. M.
8.30	7.18	2.10		Ulysses	7 [illegible]	2.30	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		Crowell	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		Carpenter	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		Perkins	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		S. of C. Junc'n	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		Newfield	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		Gold	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		Raymond	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		Seven Bridges	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		Colesburg	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		Frink	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		Nor. C'port	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
6.30	6.15	1.00	Dp.	Ar.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
P. M.	P. M.			Coudersport			
[illegible]	[illegible]	12.51	Ar.	Dp.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		Hammond	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		Olmsted	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		Mina	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		Knowlton	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		Roulette	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		Lyman	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		Chemical Works	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	12.10		Port Allegany	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Flag station. Trains do not stop. Telegraph station.

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TIME TABLE

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PHILADELPHIA & ERIE DIVISION TIME TABLE. In effect [illegible]

TRAINS LEAVE EMPORIUM JUNCTION EASTWARD

[illegible]

WESTWARD

[illegible]

THROUGH TRAINS FOR EMPORIUM JUNCTION FROM THE EAST AND SOUTH

[illegible]

JOHNSONBURG RAILROAD

[illegible]

J. B. HUTCHINSON, General Manager. [illegible]

Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railway

THE SHORT LINE

[illegible]

LEAVE BRADFORD—NORTH BOUND

[illegible]

LEAVE MT. JEWETT—SOUTH BOUND

[illegible]

For time tables and full information call on nearest agent of the Company or [illegible]

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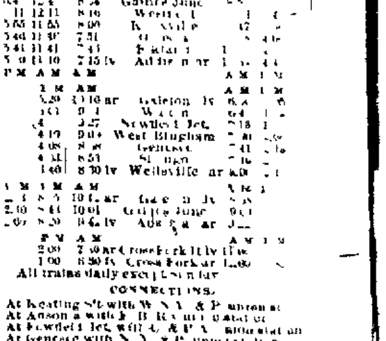
EDWARD C. LAPEY, Gen. Passenger Agent, Rochester, N. Y.

Popular Scenic Route



Buffalo and Susquehanna Railroad

BUFFALO & SUSQUEHANNA RAILROAD

Condensed time table in effect July [illegible] 1899

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CONNECTIONS.

At Keating Summit with W. N. Y. & P. [illegible]
At Ansonia with [illegible]
At Newfield Jct. with C. & P. A. [illegible]
At Genesee with N. Y. & P. [illegible]
At Addison with Erie R. R. [illegible]
At Wellsville with Erie R. R.

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M. J. McMAHON, Div. Pass'r Ag't, Galeton, Pa. — J. H. [illegible], Austin, Pa.

The Pittsburg, Shawmut & Northern R. R.

Time Table No. [illegible] Passenger Train Service. SHAWMUT DIVISION. Effective Monday Nov. [illegible] 1898.

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Ly. Buffalo Ar.
Olean
Smethport
Clermont
Chatham
[illegible]
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North Fork
[illegible]
St. Marys

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